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Safety and Sobriety Checkpoints Scheduled for Grand Teton National Park

Grand Teton National Park rangers will conduct safety and sobriety checkpoints in the park on Thursday evening, August 10, 2006, with the assistance of officers from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Teton County Sheriff's Office, and Wyoming Highway Patrol. Interagency officers will be looking primarily for drivers who are impaired, among other traffic and safety violations.

Interagency law enforcement personnel are very committed to safety and safe driving throughout the park and the greater Jackson Hole area. With approximately 160 miles of paved roads, Grand Teton National Park has some unique driving conditions that require motorists to use an extra measure of caution. Drivers need to be especially alert during dawn, dusk and nighttime hours, when wildlife actively cross or travel near park roadways in search of food and water. Other safety concerns include drowsiness or intoxication of the vehicle operator, which may lead to inattentive or impaired driving situations.

Motorists are reminded that federal law requires the occupants of a vehicle to wear seatbelts when driving on park roads. Other public safety issues that will be addressed during a checkpoint stop may include the use of child safety seats and the presence of inoperable headlights.

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